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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

ROSE ET AL

Examiner

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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 06 March 2002.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-72 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-72 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

1. Claims 1-72 are presented for examination.

2. 35 U.S.C. 101 reads as follows:

Whoever invents or discovers any new and useful process, machine, manufacture, or composition of matter, or any new and useful improvement thereof, may obtain a patent therefor, subject to the conditions and requirements of this title.

3. The claimed invention recited in claims 25-48 is directed to non-statutory subject matter. Claims 25-48 are rejected because they recite computer software not embodied in a memory that is readable by a computer. In order to overcome this rejection applicant may amend the claims to recite that the computer software is embedded in a computer readable medium and a processor reading the computer software to perform the steps of the method.

4. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

5. Claims 1-72 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Borman et al.

6. Borman et al (6,606,654) taught the invention substantially as claimed (e.g., as in the exemplary claim 2) including a method of transmitting information using a computer system loaded with software executing the steps of:

- (i) receiving intended recipient information from a request sent to the server (e.g. see Figure 4, element 130),
- (ii) receiving details from the sender of a storage location within a requester's computer system at which information to be transmitted is stored (e.g. see Figure 4, element 138),
- (iii) receiving destination information from the requester indicating where the information to be transmitted is to be stored within a recipient's computer system (e.g. see Figure 4, element 138, col 9, line 33 et seq), and
- (iv) transmitting all information stored within the sender's computer system at the storage location detailed by the sender to the intended recipient or recipients (e.g. see Figure 4, elements 150, 160; col 10, line 4 et seq.)

7. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the networking art at the time of the invention that the claimed invention differed from the teachings of Borman et al only by a degree, e.g., sender versus the requester but this is no more than a difference in a degree because requests or requestors are obvious variations of senders. As a general note Borman et al system were directed towards storing link information in the requestor's computer at prespecified locations. As is well known to one skill in the art, the link information are computer file information. Other claimed features are all obvious variations of the well known features of the networking, e.g., using various protocols to transmit information is well known to everyone who uses the Internet, HTTP protocol to transmit web pages, or SMTP protocol to transmit email

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information are extremely well known. Claimed destination information in the requester's or recipient's computer taught by Borman et al (see Figure 4, element 138.)

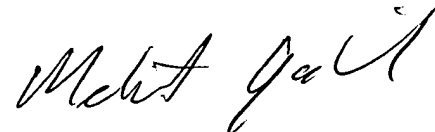
8. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Mehmet Geckil whose telephone number is (571) 272-3894. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday from 6:30 A.M. to 3:00 P.M..

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor Jack Harvey, can be reached on (571) 272-3896.

The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is **(703) 872-9306**. Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is **(703) 305-3800/4700**.

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